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MegaChips Selects Forte Design Systems' High-Level Synthesis Software

Cynthesizer to Be Used to Develop Soc Designs for Game Machines, Digital Cameras, Audio-Visual Equipment, Terrestrial Digital Broadcasting Applications

SAN JOSE, CALIF. — January 26, 2010 — Forte Design Systems announced today that MegaChips Corporation of Osaka, Japan, has selected Cynthesizer™ SystemC high-level synthesis software from Forte Design Systems™ for development of its system-on-chip (SoC) designs.

MegaChips has been developing LSI products for high-end and widespread digital applications, such as game machines, digital cameras, audio-visual equipment and terrestrial digital broadcasting applications. After evaluating multiple high-level synthesis tools on two different kinds of design, one for control and the other for datapath, MegaChips chose Cynthesizer for its hardware and electronic system level (ESL) design needs.

MegaChips selected Cynthesizer because it can produce high-performance register transfer level (RTL) code, it handles design reuse better than its competitors and it makes RTL tradeoff easier. MegaChips' engineers and senior management noted that their evaluation confirmed that Cynthesizer's advanced capabilities and Forte's best-in-class support team made Cynthesizer the best choice for their next business.

"MegaChips' evaluation highlights the robust feature set offered by Cynthesizer, our compelling quality of results and advanced datapath and control designs," adds Brett Cline, Forte's vice president of marketing and sales. "We're delighted to be chosen as a MegaChips preferred vendor."

About MegaChips

MegaChips Corporation (1st section of the TSE: 6875) was established in 1990 as an innovative fabless company dedicated to system LSIs with the goal of integrating LSIs and systems knowledge. Their focus is on the development of cutting-edge system LSIs and systems products incorporating original algorithms and architecture in the areas of imaging, audio, and communications, and using the advances they achieve to offer outstanding products and solutions that meet the needs of their clients. For additional information, please visit: www.megachips.co.jp/english/top.html.

About Forte Design Systems

Forte Design Systems is a leading provider of software products that enable design at a higher level of abstraction and improve design results. Its innovative synthesis technologies and intellectual property offerings allow design teams creating complex electronic chips and systems to reduce their overall design and verification time. More than half of the top 20 worldwide semiconductor companies use Forte's products in production today for ASIC, SoC and FPGA design. Forte is headquartered in San Jose, Calif., with additional offices in England, Japan, Korea, and the United States. For more information, visit www.ForteDS.com.

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